

SISTER MARGARET SPUTO
(September 14, 1915 - October 9, 1988)

Born in Brooklyn, New York on September 14, 1915, Sister Margaret Sputo first answered her call to the religious life when she received the religious habit of the Baptistines on December 27, 1939. She answered the last call of her Divine Spouse after having lived faithful to her vocation on October 9, 1988.

Following her first profession on December 28, 1940, Sister Margaret was assigned to St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, New York as supervisor and manager of general maintenance and housekeeping. During her forty-eight years of religious profession she served in this capacity in almost all of our American convents, having returned to some several times. Besides this ministry, she taught CCD in the various parishes while stationed at Alphonsus Manor, Cairo, New York; served as nursery aide in Gladstone; assisted with the elderly at Providence Rest; was a driver for the various convents of the Congregation, and most recently at Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, New York, where she retired in January of this year.

Sister Margaret had many hidden talents especially in art and poetry. Some of her poems were published and won several awards including a Golden and a Silver one from the World of Poetry, Sacramento, California.

A hard working Sister, she put her whole heart into whatever she did, never forgetting her last end nor her spiritual duties. Her honesty and generosity added a special dimension in whatever house she was living.

Although she had not been well since 1986, Sister suffered in silence until April 1988 when she visited her doctor. However, it was not until July that it was discovered that her illness was terminal and that she had only a few months to live. She accepted this verdict as coming from God and quietly resigned herself to the final destiny of each of us. At this time she made it known that she did not wish any special treatment for her illness to prolong her life. First she asked to be sent to a terminal cancer facility or to our own Providence Rest. However, she finally decided to spend the rest of her days at Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, where surrounded by a large number of Sisters, she peacefully breathed her last. The witness of her dying confirmed the authenticity of her consecrated life.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE